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Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Benefit Changes Announced

New Requirements Now In Effect

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) has announced changes to the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program (EUC) for any individual who has an EUC claim effective March 25. States are required to implement the changes in order to stay in compliance with the federal EUC Act, as amended by Section 2142 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. EUC is 100 percent federally funded and was created in 2008 to serve individuals who have already exhausted the regular state benefits for which they are eligible.

Claimants who have an EUC Tier 1 claim effective March 25 or who transition from Tier 1 to Tier 2 effective March 25 are required to:

- Register for employment services at <http://newworks.nebraska.gov>
- Have an active registration and online resume on the NEworks website
- Engage in an active work search for each week benefits are claimed and log the work search at <http://www.dol.nebraska.gov>
- Attend orientation and eligibility review sessions at an NDOL Career Center

“These changes strengthen the registration and work search requirements of the unemployment insurance programs,” said Catherine D. Lang, Commissioner of Labor. “Actively engaging in the workforce resources available to our unemployed citizens provides the greatest opportunity to return to the workforce. The Department is committed to assisting all Nebraskans in finding a good job in the Nebraska economy.”

EUC claimants will be notified by mail of the new requirements and will receive scheduling information pertaining to the orientation and eligibility review sessions. Work searches are subject to review and claimants who fail to perform and record the weekly work searches will be disqualified from benefits.

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